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APPEAL CONVICTIONS OF 8 C. S. PRISONERS Marine Council Supports Coast Anti-War Congress April 28 OTHER UNIONS MAY JOIN TANKER STRIKE

Fireman to Take Coastwise Vote On Strike Issue

Solidarity Action Looms In Spite Of Fakery

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Open shop proposals of the ship owners in the month old tanker strike met militant opposition here last night when the Firemen's union voted to carry through the coastwise vote on the question of handling or using "hot" oil. Should firemen up and down the coast decide not to handle the oil of the companies involved in the strike, a virtual tieup of all shipping would result.

Should other unions decide to follow the Firemen on the question of "hot" oil, however, a gain in solidarity of all the striking crafts would result.

In an obvious attempt to prevent a vote not to handle "hot" oil, the Seamen's Arbitration Board late Wednesday handed down its award to the International Seamen's Union, granting major wage concessions and shorter hours of work. The award, however, does not directly affect the tanker strikers, with whom the shippers now flatly have refused to negotiate further.

Because Paul Scharenberg of

Seamen Get Wages Raised But Hiring Hall Is Banned

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Wage increases and shorter working hours for more than 9,000 Seamen, members of the International Seamen's Union of America, were the major concessions granted maritime workers in an arbitration award handed down by the special board here late yesterday afternoon.

Preferential hiring of union men, one of the major demands raised in the maritime strike here last year, was granted in words but not in action. Hiring halls are to be abolished and seamen will not be allowed to refuse to sail under licensed men who are not union members. Hiring will be done from the docks.

Rank and file seamen, realizing the importance of the closed shop, may rely upon job action such as has been taken by the longshoremen in establishing what practically amounts to union working conditions.

The concessions came at a time when other militant seamen, striking for preferential hiring and better working conditions aboard the oil tankers, were preparing further action to force oil companies to grant their demands. The coastwise tanker strike is in no way affected by the seamen award made yesterday.

Paul Scharenberg, ISU official, was one of the main actors in

May Day Parade, Meeting In S. F. Fights C. S. Law

WORKERS TO MARCH FROM WATERFRONT TO CIVIC CENTER

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—With seventeen working class organizations already united to make the May Day demonstration a red letter day in the fight for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law and against war and fascism, another United Front Conference will be held next Sunday, April 14, to enlarge the front. Many other organizations are expected to send delegates to the conference, which will be held at 2 p. m. at Redman's Hall, Sixteenth Street, near Valencia. All workers' organizations and trade unions are urged to join in making this the biggest May Day celebration yet seen.

Other main issues to be raised at the May Day demonstration will be the fight against company unions, for unemployment insurance bill No. 791.

The demonstration will begin with a mobilization of workers from all parts of the city at the Embarcadero at noon, after which they will parade to Marshall Green in the Civic Center for the mass meeting.

Particular stress on May Day will be given to the fight for the freedom of the eight workers railroaded in the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism frameups, who have been sentenced to from one to fourteen years each.

In the evening a huge rally, called by the California Conference

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300 DELEGATES OF L. A. COMING TO APR. 28 MEET

15,000 MARINE WORKERS BACK FIGHT ON WAR, FASCISM

Over 500 Expected MANY OTHER UNIONS AND WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS GIVE ENDORSEMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—The San Francisco Council of Marine Crafts, comprising 25 A. F. of L. locals and representing 15,000 maritime workers, has endorsed the Pacific Coast Congress Against War and Fascism to be held here April 27-28.

Other important endorsements to date include: Brotherhood of

Northwest Congress See Page Two for story of big Northwest Anti-War Congress.

Railroad and Steamship Clerks; Freight Handlers, Express and Station employees; Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers, Local 17900; Alameda City Council Public Works and Unemployed Union; S. F. Public Works and Unemployed Union, Local 1; Santa Rosa PWU; Berkeley Finnish Working Women's Club; Berkeley Finnish Workers Club; 26th Assembly Branch, S. F. Council of the Democratic Party; International Labor Defense of Petaluma, Watsonville, Menlo Park and Pismo Beach, Calif.

Two important endorsements came in recently, one from the Student Strike Committee at Berkeley and the other from the Executive Committee for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law.

A reception for the more than 500 expected delegates will be given Saturday evening, at 8:00 o'clock at the Building Trades Hall, 200 Guerrero Street. This reception will be under the joint

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3000 U. C. Students Out In 1 Hr. Strike

Los Angeles Students Fight War In Face of KKK; Move Sweeps Nation

BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—More than 300 students demonstrated against war and fascism at Sather Gate, University of California, at Berkeley, today during the hour of the student anti-war strikes, according to reports as we go to press. Rev. Robt. Whitaker and many student leaders addressed the huge throng, while a mobilization of police milled around the crowd.

At U. C. L. A. and at Los Angeles Junior College big demonstrations were held despite attempts of so-called "student vigilantes" to break them up. KKK crosses were burned at UCLA. At Columbia University, New York City, 2500 jammed the big gymnasium to denounce war and fascism.

Police attempted to break up big demonstrations at Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, two noted reactionary strongholds.

At the University of Chicago 2000 students pledged a fight on war and fascism at a big meeting, when they paraded after the meeting hoodlums attempted to halt the parade, hurling rocks, stink bombs and eggs. Police then aided in breaking up the parade.

BERKELEY, April 12.—The student strike against war took place today at 11 a. m. when thousands of students walked out of classes for one hour to gather together before Sather Gate in a militant demonstration against imperialist plans for increased armament and war. At the same time similar strikes were occurring in colleges and universities throughout the entire country, with even the capitalist press conceding that over 100,000 would take part.

The policy of the University of California authorities of doing everything possible to encourage a militaristic spirit has greatly strengthened the interest in the

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strike. Military training is compulsory here for all male students. Refusal means expulsion.

The students arrested for violating the Berkeley handbill ordinance in distributing anti-war leaflets won a big victory when the council undertook to amend the ordinance and recommended dismissal of charges against the eighteen students. The charges were dismissed.

The new handbill ordinance, which passed its first reading at a meeting of the city council in a room packed with spectators, provides that permission must be obtained from the chief of police. He must be given a copy of the handbill, but cannot refuse permission to pass out the handbill.

A committee visiting Dr. Sproul got from him a promise that he would make a statement against violence, but he made the lying statement that the students were responsible for violence for bringing about this situation, thereby doing his best to incite vigilantes. The vigilantes are in the main the same bunch who acted as strike breakers and scabs last summer in the marine strike.

LOS ANGELES, April 11.—Determined that continued intimidation from the Los Angeles authorities and student vigilantes will not in any way affect the local students' anti-war strike, plans are going ahead for demonstrations in local high schools and colleges. At 11 o'clock on the morning of April 12, when thousands of other students throughout the nation are demonstrating in "solemn protest against the black pall of war that today encircles the world," Los Angeles students also will walk out.

As an indication of the "violence" that may be used against the peaceful demonstrators, two girl students of the Pasadena Junior college were arrested Tues-

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54 NOW FACING MURDER CHARGE IN GALLUP, N. M.

CARL HOWE, JUAN OCHOA AMONG THOSE WHO FACE DEATH SENTENCE

Deny Habeas Corpus BOSSES DOUBLE LIST OF FRAME-UPS IN BLOW AT LABOR

SANTE FE, N. M., April 10.—Fifty-four workers held on charges of murder in the first degree.

With this method the bosses of New Mexico are determined to break the organizations of the militant unemployed and the miners at Gallup in what looms as the most outrageous railroad attack in recent years.

Last week, following the attack with rifle fire by Sheriff Carmichael and his thugs on a group of unemployed in Gallup in an eviction fight, during which Ignacio Velarde, an unemployed miner and the sheriff were killed, one hundred workers were jailed and thirty-two were held on murder warrants.

The number has since been increased to fifty-four in this intensive drive to crush organized labor in the Southwest.

Included in the number are Carl Howe, former Section organizer of the Communist Party and Juan Ochoa, present Party Organizer and many other active leaders.

* Deny Habeas Corpus.

Preliminary hearings are to be held tomorrow or Friday. In the meantime application for release of the prisoners on a writ of habeas corpus made by A. L. Wirgin, was denied in District Court by Judge Otero.

Particularly vicious is the method used in the attempted railroad strike, reminiscent of the tricks used in the now infamous Sacramento C. S. frameups. As in that place, scores of workers were arrested

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Sacramento Judge Refuses Retrial, Sentences 1-14 Yrs.

San Diego Ferry Workers Awarded Big Pay Increase

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 9.—The San Diego-Coronado ferryman won a five to twenty-six per cent pay increase yesterday.

The arbitration board which had taken the wage dispute of several weeks ago for settlement awarded the ferryboatmen increases for minimum pay, from \$104 to \$176 a month; and for maximum, from \$176 to \$210 per month.

Hours are to be 48 a week, six days of eight hours each. Up to 1931 the boatmen worked 69 hours a week. Then they were lowered to 63, until the NRA hours were scheduled.

Three maritime union locals were affected by the award; the Masters, Mates and Pilots, Local No. 12; the Marine Engineers Beneficial, Local No. 29; and the Ferry Boat Workers Union, all A. F. of L. unions.

"MISTAKE" HANGING AT QUENTIN GETS USUAL WHITEWASH

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Another "mistake" of capitalist justice in California is getting a whitewash with the 30-day suspension of Arthur Moore, clerk of Los Angeles County, after the erroneous hanging of a prisoner in San Quentin. Official investigation shows that the "mistake" hanging of Rush Griffin, Negro youth whose appeal was "misled" was

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McIntyre Denied Right to Testify On Jury Fraud

SACRAMENTO, April 11.—Motions for a new trial and an arrested verdict were denied by Judge Dal M. Lemmon in the hearing on the convictions of eight working class organizers on charges of Criminal Syndicalism yesterday.

The affidavit of Juror Howard S. McIntyre, swearing that the verdict was reached by compromise and therefore illegal, was overruled by Judge Lemmon, who immediately sentenced the eight to one to fourteen years each in the penitentiary. In spite of McIntyre's entreaties both at this hearing and the one held last Thursday, that he be allowed to take the stand "and clear up a point," Judge Lemmon refused to listen, saying: "I don't wish to hear from you, Mr. McIntyre."

* No Bail Set.

Defense Attorney Leo Gallagher immediately filed notice of appeal to a higher court and requested the court to set bail for the defendants pending such action. The judge refused to set bail, stating that he would take the matter under advisement and make his decision. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 6.)

S. F. Handbill Law To Hamper Workers; Vandeleur Helps

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Mayor Rossi today signed the handbill ordinance which was passed by the Supervisors, thus giving the San Francisco Police Department control over distribution of handbills, etc., similar to the control the Berkeley police had in that city until the recent fight of the students forced revision of the Berkeley ordinance.

The ordinance was passed with the active assistance of Edward Vandeleur, president of the S. F. Labor Council, who showed in this same treachery that made his name a byword of contempt in the General Strike. Pretending to speak in the name of labor he uses the excuse that "Alameda printed leaflets are distributed in San Francisco" as a cover for lining up with the big property owners and police department against unbearable conditions.

The new San Francisco ordinance provides that no one may distribute leaflets without a police permit and all leaflets distributed must have the permit number. Further provisions make it easy for anyone who chooses to complain against any distributor and have the police revoke the permit. This law is efficiently designed to prevent the distribution of leaflets and advertising by any militant group which is conducting a meeting or struggle of any sort against conditions.

On signing the bill Mayor Rossi made an appeal to householders to make themselves volunteer stool-pigeons and report violations of this ordinance to the police so that militant workers can be effectively deprived of one more way of reaching an audience.

"We Are In Jail For Organizing For Better Conditions"

By the Eight Sacramento C. S. Victims.

Before sentencing each of the defendants to penitentiary terms of one to fourteen years, the court asked each one if they had anything to say or any reason to advance why they should not be sentenced. The following are extracts from their statements:

PAT CHAMBERS

"In the last ten or fifteen years there have been plenty of Communists in this state. But it was not until these Communists and the Communist Party were in the agricultural fields and the industrial centers and organized the workers against the intolerable conditions they were forced to live under, that the courts and the force of the court have been used to suppress us. I have no apology to offer this court nor any individual who supports the present system of starvation and suppression against the working class.

"I, as a member of the Communist Party, who did organize these workers and helped to lead strikes, am proud to say that I go to jail for the reason that these strikes were won, and these workers succeeded for the time being, in getting better living conditions."

CAROLINE DECKER

"On the matter of the evidence and testimony presented against me; it consists mainly of activities which concerned the question of strike struggles, organizing the agricultural workers, organizing the farmers, organizing the students, and organizing every station of the population. It was admitted by the prosecution that these activities were for the purpose of bettering the living conditions of the people concerned. . . . I feel that with this conviction, a step forward has been taken in the direction of outlawing economic strikes and the mass activities of labor."

"I feel quite sure in saying that every member of the jury knows now and knew then that I am not a criminal and that none of my comrades are criminals. . . . They convicted the right of the people to maintain themselves at what they believe is their fundamental and political right of livelihood."

MARTIN WILSON

"As far as this sentencing me to San Quentin goes, it is not going any good or accomplishing a thing, because you can't silence the thousands of voices of the workers. (Here the court interrupted Wilson and ordered him to confine himself to legal matters.)

"It seems to me that in this case, we who try to alleviate conditions are sent to jail and those who force these conditions are allowed to run free and pay special prosecutors to prosecute such cases as this one."

(The court again interrupted and refused let him finish unless he confined himself to points of law.)

NORA CONKLIN

"I was found guilty, not because I belonged to an organization that advocated the overthrow of the United States government, but for the sole reason that I was a member of the Unemployed Council, was successful in securing a little better stan-

dard of living for the thousands of unemployed in this city.

"And I want to add to the working class: ORGANIZE! Organize and join the Communist Party. I am the proudest person in the world since I joined the Communist Party."

ALBERT HOUGARDY

"I have been a member of the Communist Party for four years. I am proud of it. I will go to San Quentin a Communist and I will come out still a Communist, and when I come out I shall go back into the struggle and help to knock the props out from under the system that is sending us to prison. You cannot stop the movement of the working class any more than you could have stopped that flood that broke over the river bed. (Here the court interrupted.)

"We are being sent to San Quentin not on the legality of the law or because of the fact that we violated a certain act. We are being sent here because we organized the working class. Because we are building an organization that will put an end to the capitalist system. There is no other reason."

JACK CRANE

"I am being sent to San Quentin on a charge of having conspired. With whom have I conspired? What have I done? What have I said? Nothing definite has been proven against us. You have not said that you have done such and such a thing and therefore, because of this action, you shall be punished. You have failed to prove against us anything concretely—not only myself, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

There is something else on this project and that is that when a man is fired they don't notify him so he will go to work that morning and the boss will hand him the pink slip. This man has to pay for his transportation fifteen miles from Monterey. Not only that but he has to stay there until the day is over before he can get back to Monterey.

quicker, you can step out too.

Nobody stepped out so he turned to the rejected men and told them he wouldn't need them. The very most these men made was \$14.00 per day and the average wage was \$2.50 elsewhere. One of the men said later the whole crew quit and the boss had to raise the wages before the week was out.

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This bill, introduced by Assemblyman John Pelletier, was endorsed and fought for by the State Unemployed Conference which recently met in Sacramento,

East of the Rockies

Detroit Auto Workers' Strike

DETROIT, Mich., April 11.—More than 1,000 workers struck at the Hupmobile plant late last week, demanding higher wages and recognition of their union. The strike followed an enthusiastic mass meeting held the night before. Virtually all the workers are out, including the tool and die makers who are members of the Mechanics Educational Society of America, independent. The strike here is the first substantial walkout in the Detroit area this year, and may be the signal for strike action in other shops.

2 Communist Councilmen Sentenced

TAYLOR SPRINGS, Ill., April 11.—Two Communist members of the City Council, Frank Pansie and Frank Prickett, were sentenced to serve 60 days in jail for "contempt of court" for having sent protests to Judge D. George, demanding the release of nine other workers framed for having resisted an eviction. The evidence upon which the judge passed the sentence was two post cards on which the two workers wrote: "I protest the arrest of the Verdun boys and demand that the charges against them be dropped." The judge said "You tried a card attempting to intimidate the court."

Negroes Shot in Carolina Prison Camp

ELIZABETH, N. C., April 11.—In a revolt of Negro prisoners in the Woodville prison camp near here, guards shot two and hurled tear gas bombs among the others. Revelations of horrible conditions and brutal torture of Negro prisoners in North Carolina convict camps were recently made to a legislative committee appointed to investigate the camps, following the amputation of the feet of Woodrow Wilson Shropshire and Robert Barnes, Negro youths, as a result of the torture and neglect at the Mecklenburg County convict camp.

1,000 Students Strike At War

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 11.—More than 1,000 students at the University of Michigan left classes at 11 a. m., April 5, in a strike against war and fascism. Gathering at an open air meeting on the Library steps, they raised their hands in solemn pledge "never to support our government in any war it may conduct." The strike was organized by the National Students League, the Michigan Youth Congress, the Vanguard Club and two girls' dormitories. The demonstration was a forerunner of the nationwide student strike scheduled for April 12.

Jim Crow Vote Upheld

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—At the same time that the U. S. Supreme Court handed down the Scottsboro decision, it upheld the right of the Democratic Party of Texas to exclude Negroes from its primaries in rejecting the plea of a Negro, R. R. Grover, who had brought suit for the right to vote in the Texas Democratic primaries. The Supreme Court decision denied that any constitutional rights had been violated by the Texas Democratic Party in excluding Negroes from its primaries, even though they were members of the Democratic Party.

Whitaker Scores S. F. News Attack On Leo Gallagher

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—The following letter written by Rev. Robert Whitaker, was sent to the San Francisco News, in answer to an editorial which appeared in that Scripps-Howard paper the day after the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism verdict was known.

The editorial was particularly vicious in its reference to justice which was being by an attempt to lay blame for the convictions, not on the reactionary capitalist machinery which engineered the whole frameup but on the defense Attorney Leo Gallagher made Gallagher was cited for contempt of court when protesting a part of the frameup. Gallagher's methods have been admiration of all class conscious workers who have heard him, and have been responsible for the freedom of countless workers he had defended for the International Labor Defense.

The letter follows: Editor, The San Francisco News, San Francisco, Calif. Editor:

Your editorial, "THE SACRAMENTO VERDICT," in your issue for April 2 does you credit, except for the undeserved criticism of Leo Gallagher. It has been my privilege to have intimate acquaintance for more than ten years now with this rare exponent of just and decent legal procedure as against the Criminal Legislation which throughout this period and more has made the courts of California a mockery before the world. Police have I seen him dragged from a public platform before he had had opportunity for any answer, by minions of the law who would have been highly honored had they been allowed to black his shoes. Concerning his technical skill or ignorance with respect to the situation in Sacramento I have nothing to say at this time, for I was not there.

But permit me space to bear this personal witness, that in the forty-seven years I have lived on the Pacific Coast, in which period I have associated beyond common measure with the lawyers and judges of three States, Leo Gallagher, above any other attorney I have known, has carried more weight with me, than any one of them, for his combination of high legal learning, unquestionable integrity, moral courage, passion for equal justice for all, and noble daring against prostitution in high places.

If at times he has exploded with something of the vitriolic fury with which Jesus of Nazareth castigated the criminal legalism of His own day I can well allow for it. Were Cali-

forians as a whole as well acquainted with Leo Gallagher as I am there is no position so high within the legal area to which they would not feel honored to elect him. His day of distinguished recognition is coming whatever the incidental judgment of this hour.

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COMMUNIST PARTY LEADS FIGHT FOR CUBAN WORKERS FREEDOM

Lola Torriente Says Wall St. Main Foe Of Cuban Soviets

"If it were not for the support given the Mendieta-Batista regime by the American Imperialists the Cuban masses long ago would have been able to set up their own government of Soviets," the diminutive but fiery Lola De La Torriente declared in an interview given this week to the Western Worker.

Comrade Torriente is near the end of a long tour of the United States. During her more than ninety days of meetings she has brought clearly before the American workers the crying need of the brutally terrorized Cuban masses for support in their revolutionary and anti-imperialist struggles.

Hate Caffrey

"The Cuban workers hate Ambassador Caffrey," Comrade Torriente exclaimed. "He gives Wall Street's orders to General Batista and President Mendieta. He is responsible for the most terrible reign of terror the Cuban workers have ever experienced. The American workers must flood Washington with their protests and demand the removal of Ambassador Caffrey."

There was no mistaking the hatred in Comrade Torriente's dark eyes as she made this statement. In her burned all the pent up emotion of the Cuban workers, jailed, beaten and murdered so that Wall Street can continue to wring profits from its investments in the Cuban sugar industry.

Caffrey Broke Strike

"The General Strike was not a decisive victory for the workers," she declared. "But it would have been had it not been for the government and the army which took its orders from Caffrey. During the strike more than 100 workers were killed in the streets of Havana, 5,000 were jailed and more than 1,200 were forced into exile."

"Batista's army attacked all trade union headquarters, smashed offices and furniture, took all books and recruited an army of scabs to replace the union workers. The headquarters are filled with these scabs."

Comrade Torriente declared the General Strike was, however, a wonderful victory for the Communist Party of Cuba. The Party had issued the united front call for support of the strike. It met with the immediate response of practically every trade union organization in the island. Is it then any wonder the Mendieta-Batista regime is now concentrating all its efforts against the Communist Party, murdering and jailing its members, smashing its press and driving it ever deeper underground?

But in spite of the terror, the Communist Party of Cuba continues to function. The Party press, illegal now, appears regularly and its circulation is increasing. "Cuba is a small island," Comrade Torriente explained. "The workers are militant but they are not strong enough in numbers to fight a revolution alone. They need the support of the American workers. If they get this support Wall Street and the American government will be forced to grant Cuba self-determination."

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"The Negro workers are joining the Communist Party in great numbers," she declared. "They come into the Party under the slogan of 'self-determination.' The Wall Street sugar barons want to pay the Cuban workers forty cents per day in script for twelve hours of brutal work. The workers, during the strike, put

etc., with which to become full soldiers of the first rank with their new modern equipment. Particular significance attaches to the battle in that the Red Army now battling is achieving a juncture with other Red Armies in the Szechwan Province, and are being met by the Kuo Min Tang army of 120,000 crack troops under the personal direction of the "Generalissimo" Chiang Kai Shek. Chiang has been beaten by Chu Teh, the Red Army Commander in Chief before in his futile efforts of six years to crush the Chinese Soviets, but this time Chiang is reported to be strong with airplanes supplied by American imperialists.

Crack Troops Crack

He is not so strong in his infantry and artillery, however. The force he has kept in the field at Kweichow since the march of the Red Army from Kiangsi Province, 800 miles to the east, has proven highly sympathetic to the Red Army and a Workers' and Peasants' Soviet government in Szechwan and Kweichow. Of 30,000 local crack troops, 18,000 "cracked" and Chiang Kai Shek was forced to disband them on the rather fantastic grounds that they were opium smokers!

The real reason is that they would not fight against the workers' Red Army, and since Chiang could not put the whole 38,000 in jail, many have sneaked over to the Red Army and their allies, the Partisans. What happened when they met their former buddies and called on them to follow their action will make one of the most interesting pages of the history of the Red Armies of China.

The march of the armies from Kiangsi Province, the former Cen-

"Viva Los Trabajadores de Cuba!"



Meeting in Gallup, New Mexico, where miners and their families cheered the report of Lola De La Torriente on the Cuban workers' fight for Soviet rights. Many of those in the picture now face murder charges.

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forward a demand for \$1 per day and eight hours work. Wall Street's profits again were threatened. Caffrey found one more reason to turn the guns and the soldiers loose upon the striking workers. The same thing happened in the interior of the island where the troops occupied the factories—Wall Street's factories."

"Left wing students supported the strike wholeheartedly," Comrade Torriente answered in reply to a question. "But the ABC is a fascist organization. It is partly responsible for acts of individual terror, such as the bombings. Confused students also did some of the bombing. But the Communist Party waged a stubborn struggle against all individual terror."

"She reiterated time and again the fact that the Cuban revolution cannot stand alone, unsupported by the American workers. The American Wall Street controlled army can smash the revolution—or in an iron economic blockade could smash it. American workers are beginning to realize this."

"American Workers
The American as well as the Mexican, Spanish and Cuban workers of this country are ready to support us in Cuba," she declared. In Gallup, New Mexico, 5,000 workers came out to hear me speak. The miners quit work for half a day in order to be present at the meeting. They came to the meeting carrying signs which read "HANDS OFF CUBA."

"At St. Louis, Missouri, more than 500 workers, members of American Federation of Labor Locals, agreed to send a demand to Mr. Green, A. F. of L. president, that he send a protest resolution to Washington against the reign of terror in Cuba."

"The Communist Party of Cuba is a heroic Party," Comrade Torriente exclaimed, with a proud toss of her head. "The Young Communist League is very militant, very strong and has political clarity. It has a youth section in the trade unions and is very strong in the factories. It does plenty of good political work."

Leaders Jailed

Many militant Cuban working class leaders are in jail. Isidro Figuerola, head of the National Confederation is in jail. Dr. Juan Marinero, editor of "La Palabra" is in jail. Joaquin Cardozo, secretary of the Anti-Imperialist League of Cuba is in jail. The editors of the "Massas" are in jail—and hundreds of trade unionists are in jail.

Manuel Fonseca and Manuel Porto, heroic leaders of the Havana waterfront workers were saved from execution at the hands of the bloody Wall Street puppets by worldwide mass protest. Mass protest alone will release them and the hundreds of others also suffering in the Cuban dungeons. The American workers have three tasks to perform for their suffering brothers in Cuba. They must demand instant recall of

Foreign News Briefs

Nazi Refugees' Death Probed

LONDON, England, April 10.—According to a Scotland Yard announcement the death of two women Socialist refugees here was "only partly due" to the persecution of Nazi agents. The story of the British police is that the two young women committed suicide after a quarrel with a refugee professor. The police however do not dare put their "explanation" to a test and a House of Commons demand for an investigation was flatly refused. The international position of British diplomacy and its fear of exposing the German authorities have acted as a blanket over any discovery of actual details.

Goering Aid Insulted by Publicity

BERLIN, Germany, April 10.—Another violent antagonism in the topmost circle of Nazi officialdom has broken out, this time between Goering and Himmler, head of the secret police. Goering issued a statement in which the "Prime Minister of Prussia" asserted that he "continues to reserve the right to appoint personally the officials of the State Secret Police, from rank and file of inquiry commissars upwards." Apparently in deliberate derision the statement continues with the remark that "my deputy appoints only officials of the lower rank." Goering's deputy is Himmler.

Mexico Bares Church Revolt

MEXICO CITY, April 10.—The Mexican government has ordered a search for capitalists and priests who backed plans for an "uprising" frustrated several days ago. Official demagoguery is playing on the deep antireligious feelings of the masses in order to maintain the grip of the administration. The plot enlisted the aid of fascist elements and its alleged military leader, Miguel Ocampo, was killed. Documents were found which indicated that the corrupt and hated Catholic hierarchy in Mexico and the United States, had provided money and details for manufacturing the uprising.

Police Kill Brazil Strike Leader

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil, April 9.—The Doctor's Union here and in other cities has sent a bitter protest to the government against the assassination of Dr. Mario Couto, young revolutionary physician who was held in high regard by workers of this region for his brilliant and self-sacrificing leadership of strike struggles in Southern Brazil. Dr. Couto was delivered over to police by private agents of the American owned Rio Grande Electric Company. The agents attacked him and when he snatched a revolver from a policeman to defend himself he was shot down.

Retail Sales Rise In U. S. S. R.

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., April 10.—Month by month the total of commodity turnover in the Soviet Union and the purchasing power of the workers continue to rise. Retail sales for the first months of this year have increased by 27 per cent, compared to last year. The output of those manufactured goods which are widely consumed increased in January and February alone by 14.4 per cent. On the basis of abolition of the bread cards and the development of unrestricted Soviet trade, a rapid fall in prices is now taking place with regard to industrial merchandise as well as food.

Soviets Perfect Light Plane

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., April 11.—Russian experts have announced the perfection of an airplane powered by an ordinary light automobile motor. The engine is a type manufactured in great quantities by the Gorky motor factory here. The new plane will fly 70 miles an hour, is a two-seater and operates on ordinary gasoline. It can be produced so cheaply that the Soviet Government expects to make it available for distribution on collective farms as well as at urban centers. The plane already has undergone a series of tests which were entirely successful.

Caffrey; they must demand hands off Cuba, and they must demand stopping of the terror and release of all class-war prisoners.

Comrade Lola Torriente has done and is doing her part. It is up to us to do ours. Protest to the Cuban embassies, to the Roosevelt Government in Washington and to the imperialist controlled Cuban Government at Havana.

SAN DIEGO DEPUTY SHERIFFS PREPARING TO MURDER WORKERS

By P. D.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 12.—"We are now coping with modern crime, and must be up to the minute in our methods."

This is the explanation George Brereton, Sheriff Dorf's "expert" under-sheriff offered in an attempt to "explain" away the unusual activity of local police in preparing for the Exposition to be held here.

Could there be any other reason for these extensive preparations now going on? Here are the "up-to-date" measures being taken to cope with "modern crime."

First—The deputy sheriffs are going to school. At weekly classes they are going to be taught how to use tear-gas guns and bombs, how to operate Thompson sub-machine guns and how to become adept in emergency crowd control.

Second—All deputies must practice twice a month, firing pistols, rifles and machine guns at the police range. This is a definite order from Sheriff Dorf and marksmanhood will be considered in the promotion of deputies to higher rank.

Third—Dorf is making an immense effort to build up a "volunteer" flying squadron of deputy sheriffs. He is very anxious to get his deputies into the air. In pursuit, in spotting and in patrolling, he claims deputies in airplanes are the "latest thing."

Possibly all these preparations are being made just for the Exposition, but to workers constantly reading about how strikes are broken up by tear-gas thugs and how crowds of workers continually are being shot by machine guns in the hands of deputies and cops, these preparations sound, at least "suspicious."

Agricultural workers here in particular are mighty suspicious.

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strations against such plants as are filling these orders, and demonstrate and send protests to the Chinese Consulates demanding the withdrawal of the Kuo Min Tang troops from Kweichow and their use instead against the Japanese aggression in the North of China.

World Events and Western Workers

Chinese Red Army Advances On Capital of Kweichow

By Emmett Kirby

50,000 Red Army Soldiers Face Chiang Kai Shek With 120,000 and Chase Him Back Thirty Miles In Advance Over Forty-Mile Sector—Workers, KMT Troops Aid Soviet Soldiers

Since Saturday no word has come through from him of what is unquestionably one of the most important battles in the past decade.

In Kweichow, the Red Army, advancing thirty miles deep over a forty-mile front, was a week ago ten miles from the walls of Kweichow, capital of the province. Kweichow is a city of 150,000, or slightly larger than San Diego, Calif. 50,000 Kuo Min Tang troops had been killed in the week of fighting. At that time one wing of the Red Army was attacking the walled city of Anshun, to the east.

Previous experience would indicate that this lack of news from the Red Army means the advance of the Red Army. Whenever possible on the shakeliest basis, such as momentarily halting a part of an advance, or even without any basis, the Kuo Min Tang press agent let out loud blasts of a tremendous victory scored and of the annihilation of the Red Army.

The next time they claim a "victory" it is generally many miles to the rear of their first position. When overwhelmingly beaten over a big sector, they usually remain silent on the matter.

That silence this past week is, if you choose, a sign of the victory of the Red Army. In a little while the real details will come through.

50,000 Red Soldiers.

The forces of the Red Armies in this particular advance into Kweichow, to the south and east of the now consolidated Soviet territory of Szechwan, are very probably not more than 50,000 to 60,000 fully equipped men, aided by an indeterminate number of Partisan fighters and Long Knives and Red Spears.

The latter are foot soldiers with steepled wooden lances who go into battle and from the enemy capture the rifles, machine guns,

etc., with which to become full soldiers of the first rank with their new modern equipment.

Particular significance attaches to the battle in that the Red Army now battling is achieving a juncture with other Red Armies in the Szechwan Province, and are being met by the Kuo Min Tang army of 120,000 crack troops under the personal direction of the "Generalissimo" Chiang Kai Shek. Chiang has been beaten by Chu Teh, the Red Army Commander in Chief before in his futile efforts of six years to crush the Chinese Soviets, but this time Chiang is reported to be strong with airplanes supplied by American imperialists.

Crack Troops Crack

He is not so strong in his infantry and artillery, however. The force he has kept in the field at Kweichow since the march of the Red Army from Kiangsi Province, 800 miles to the east, has proven highly sympathetic to the Red Army and a Workers' and Peasants' Soviet government in Szechwan and Kweichow. Of 30,000 local crack troops, 18,000 "cracked" and Chiang Kai Shek was forced to disband them on the rather fantastic grounds that they were opium smokers!

The real reason is that they would not fight against the workers' Red Army, and since Chiang could not put the whole 38,000 in jail, many have sneaked over to the Red Army and their allies, the Partisans. What happened when they met their former buddies and called on them to follow their action will make one of the most interesting pages of the history of the Red Armies of China.

The march of the armies from Kiangsi Province, the former Cen-

Kiangsi Province, the former Central Soviet Government area, was one repetition after another of the smashing of traps laid by Chiang Kai Shek. In each previous case, Chiang had prematurely announced the annihilation of this Red Army at last, only to have to try

it all over again a couple of hundred miles further along the route to Szechwan.

Official admission of these facts telegram sent by Chiang Kai Shek March 12th to all commanders is seen in the following circular along the routes of the Red Armies:

1) General Lo Tze Chou is to be reprimanded on account of his negligence in making adequate defensive work, lack of discipline on negligence in making adequate defensive work, lack of discipline on the part of his troops and repeated withdrawals from the area which he was supposed to defend, all of which were responsible for the recent loss of hand by the 2nd and 3rd Route Armies.

2) Gen. Tien Sung Yao is to be given a "big demerit" for the loss of Changchi; the defending officers of the city should be strictly punished.

3) The left flank of Gen. Li Chia Yu's forces are to be commended for their persistent holding out against the enemies for several days.

The "victorious" Gen. Chiang is forced to commend anyone who can hold out for days against the Red Army! What a "triumph!"

The Workers of Chi-Shi.

One of the main reasons for the astounding success of this march—astounding from a military point of view—is told in the following dispatch from China which came in while the march was still on:

"Chi-Shi is a small town, situated between two provinces—Kweichow and Szechwan. General Cho (of the Kuo Min Tang) built an arsenal at Chi-Shi, at which over 400 workers are employed. According to the information of the newspaper "Zm-Dzing-Shi-Pao," the official organ of Manchukuo, the arsenal produced about six million cartridges during the past year, which were used by the Nanking KMT troops for fighting the Red Army of Soviet China.

"In the middle of January, 1935,

the Red Army of Soviet China advancing westwards, toward the province of Kweichow, approached Chi-Shi. The workers of Chi-Shi decided to avail themselves of this opportunity to do away with the hateful exploiter, General Cho, and to help the Red Army.

"On the eve of Jan. 16, at night, the arsenal workers raised the banner of revolt. Shouting revolutionary slogans, they engaged in battle with the Canton (KMT) troops, quartered in Chi-Shi. They were soon joined by a large number of inhabitants of the town. The rebels set fire to General Cho's house and took their revenge on him for his persecutions and injuries they had suffered. This is how the way was cleared for the Red Army.

"The armed uprising of the arsenal workers in Chi-Shi, supported by the rest of the toiling population, is a typical episode of the struggle in the field of action of the Chinese Red Army. The history of the Soviet movement for the past seven years records quite a few cases of the working masses in the districts under the rule of the Kuo Min Tang calling strikes, raising funds for the purpose of buying an aeroplane for the Red Army, setting up Leagues of Friends of the Red Army, etc., during the approach of the Red Army."

Workers and others in the West, who are interested in the important happenings in the fight for a Soviet China are urged to read regularly the excellent monthly, "China Today," published by the Friends of the Chinese People. It can be had in any Workers Bookshop, and at many street stands in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Single copies are 15c and a year's subscription \$1.50.

Even more important is the need of concrete action by workers against the shipping of planes and munitions to Chiang Kai Shek. Workers should organize demon-

Starting last winter from the former Central Soviet territory in Kiangsi Province, three Red Armies burst the iron ring of Kuo Min Tang troops. Army No. 1 is fighting in Anhwei; No. 2 has spread Soviet areas in Szechwan, Shensi and Kansu, and No. 3, now with the Red Army of Szechwan, is attacking Kweichow.

Partisan areas are marked in dots, Soviet areas in solid black.

China's Red Army Marches

Map showing the Red Army's advance from Kiangsi Province, China, towards Kweichow and Szechwan. The map includes labels for various provinces and regions, as well as major cities and bodies of water.

POVERTY AMIDST PLENTY PRODUCT OF CAPITALISM

Survey of American Productive Capacity Shows 287 Billion Loss In Five Years

Here are facts and major conclusions from The Chart of Plenty by Harold Loeb and Associates (Viking Press, \$2.50). They are the result of an extensive original study carried on by national Survey of Potential Productive Capacity.

If the people of the United States were not limited and restricted by capitalism but only by physical factors and knowledge, as in the Soviet Union, they could have produced and consumed between 1929 and 1934, goods and services above what they actually did produce—equivalent to the staggering sum of 287 billions of dollars. This annual "loss to the consumer" amounted to 42 billions in 1929, at the peak of United States' prosperity, 51 billions in 1930, 59 billions in 1931, 70 billions in 1932, and 65 billions in 1933—a total of 287 billions for the five-year period.

\$470 a year.

During 1929, assuming the existing equipment, man power and the absence of the profit system, plant capacity, and assuming also every family in this country could have enjoyed goods and services equivalent to at least \$4370 a year (in 1929 dollars).

"If our present productive plant were freed of capitalistic restrictions," says Loeb, "we could at once raise the population to a standard of living twice as high as in 1933, and probably three times as high as they enjoy today."

Budget value of all the foods, clothes and services needed by the people of the United States amounted to only about 135 billions in 1929, as compared with the 93 billions actually produced but mis-distributed, according to the rules of capitalism, in that year. This 135 billion would allow

for the budget indicated above of \$4370 per family.

This budget is based upon the "liberal diet" established by statisticians of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and similar accepted norms in other fields—clothing, health and the like. It would allow all the people of this country ample food, twice as much clothing as at present and more than could be conveniently worn, 1,550,000 dwelling units a year (as against a peak of about 240,000 in 1929) and a comparable expansion of health services, educational and recreational satisfactions.

Hampered by Capitalism.

These goods and services, amounting to nearly \$5000 per year per family, could be turned out with existing plant capacity. They are only the basic initial requirements for a decent standard of living. Allowing for technological and cultural advance under a free socialist system, as in the Soviet Union, the real possibilities for obtaining more goods and satisfactions are virtually unlimited.

Under the conditions posed by this study, which assumes the complete destruction of capitalism, living conditions would be greatly improved, leisure would be more efficiently distributed, new satisfactions would be developed, quality of goods would be improved.

The Loeb report claims to be purely technical. However, it suggests socialization of industries and avoids completely the means to the desired end. Like the Technocrats, it evades the question of working class power and the necessity for the overthrow of capitalism, the system which restricts the productive forces of society. Implicit in its facts and findings, however, is the definite necessity for such action.

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By Terry Casey.

A farmer had been to the Sacramento legislature for the first time, eager to see and hear the administration candidates he had been talking into voting for.

He returned home somewhat more serious and quiet than he had left.

"Well, what did you learn?" asked his wife.

"Well," he replied, "Not so much. But anyway, I found out that voting is."

"Well, if I told you black is white, you'd say I was foolish. But if a senator says black is white, and pounds his table with his fists, and bellows like a bull that's victorious. And like as not he'll pass a bill about it."

All you readers who have any class-consciousness, wise-cracks or jokes, or silly items out of the capitalist press, and want to toss a few printed bricks at the bosses, read them in right away, because there's twice as much space to fill now with it than there was when the Western Worker was a weekly.

Hitler wants a Schmeidinger championship fight in Berlin this summer and expects a \$500,000 prize. Unfortunately for Nazi ballyhoo, the plans are likely to fall through. May we suggest that if he wants a real million dollar prize he match Hitler Goering with one of his aviators for a ten-round bout. Hitler could take on the winner.

BRIGHT SAVINGS OF CHILDREN

"Hitler is not prepared for war"—Lloyd George.

The King of Belgium has just given the Prince of Wales a "suit" which is a combination of a jacket and a scarf. It has the peculiar ability to see in two directions at the same time. No doubt the idea is that it can watch the upper contrabandists which are holding each other in the British Empire.

Mrs. Roosevelt declares the White House is overrun with mice. Always belittling. We thought they were rats.

PRIZE NEWS DISPATCH: MADRID, April 14.—The Spanish cabinet decided today to hit the "state of war" declared last October with all its might and force, and to "state of alarm."

About the same of the year come back in the new style books, to find out what they will wear in the year.

And come twenty-odd million of us will look in the mirror to find out.

Reynold Ignatius Bates, that ought to be anywhere for 2, a card, on sale at 15c a yard. I found in a Manchester (N. H.) advertisement. But is it a wise thing?

FEELING RED?

Robert Ripley put down his empty glass and lifted his bleary eyes to the lady on the other side of the table.

"They say the Saar has gone to Germany now," he got out with an effort. "But what are the Russians going to say about that?"

"The Russians? What have they got to do with it?" Ripley blinked. "But," said he, "I thought the Saar used to be the King of Russia."

4 SAN QUENTIN GLASS WAR PRISONERS ARE DENIED MAIL RIGHTS

MOONEY, CORNELIENSON, SCHMIDT, M'NAMARA REFUSED BULLETINS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—A new move on the part of Warden Holloman of San Quentin to add to the persecution of the four lifer political prisoners under his charge, is being vigorously protested by the International Labor Defense through its national prisoners' relief department. Warden Holloman has refused to allow Tom Mooney, J. B. McNamara, Matthew Schmidt and John Cornelison, all convicted because of their political beliefs and working-class activity, to receive copies of the weekly news letter sent by the I. L. D. to all political prisoners.

Warden Holloman a year ago refused to allow Mooney to attend the funeral of his mother.

In a letter to the warden protesting this new persecution, Rose Barron, national secretary of the Prisoners' Relief Department, wrote in part:

"These four men have been sentenced to life terms, and they have already served from 12 to 24 years. To deprive them of all contact with friends in the outside world, is mental torture, which you are deliberately inflicting on these prisoners as an additional punishment because of their political ideas.

"We shall continue to send letters to our friends and fellow workers behind the bars, and we demand that they be allowed to receive them."

McNamara has written: "I received weekly the news letters. I enjoyed them immensely and the effort put into them was deeply appreciated by me." Warden K. Holloman, convicted with Mooney to a lifetime, writes: "The idea of the weekly news letter is a very good one, and I am sure that all the prisoners enjoy them as much as I do." Similar letters have come from many other prisoners.

The International Labor Defense asks that workers and sympathizers immediately write to Warden Holloman at California State Prison, San Quentin, California, in protest.

JESSUP MILKERS STRIKE; \$70 PAY WON AT VISEBECH

LOS ANGELES, April 10.—Milkers of the dairy ranch of Mr. Roger Jessup, L. A. supervisor, are on strike again. The milkers at Jessup's, Redondo plant walked out April 7 and were joined by their foreman that their demands of two days off a month and a \$15.00 a month raise is not much better than another U. L. W. strike.

The U. L. W. milkers at the Hillsdale dairy located at 31 Monte also walked out April 7, and are still out.

Visebeck's milkers at Vista Vista were granted \$70 a month as the result of a strike. Farmers at Pacoima and Fillmore at Corona have already raised wages and numerous other dairies are contemplating a raise in wages due to the fact that the milkers are organized into the A. F. of L.

The Perfect Soldier



Cuban Consul Here Promises to Send Protests to Govt.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—"Oh—but no one in Cuba is shot in the back—they're all shot in front!"

So declared one of the minor officials at the Cuban Consulate here when a delegation of workers, elected at the Lola De La Tormenta meetings, went there to protest the Wall Street-Mendota terror now gripping the island.

Jose Zarza, head of the Consulate, was polite, suave and very indefinite. He "had not been in Cuba for twenty-seven years," and he wasn't "very well acquainted with conditions there now."

He was well enough versed in Cuban affairs, however, to admit that Wall Street-American imperialism—controls most of the important industries of the island. He warned the delegation that the Cuban workers never would be able to effect a permanent, successful revolution until the workers of America came to their rescue.

Zarza declared his position as chief of the Consulate prevented him from taking any definite political stand but said he would send the protests to the Cuban Ambassador at Washington and also to the Department of the Interior in Cuba.

"Neither I nor my family have been harmed by the Cuban government," he pointed out as a possible refutation of the statement of the committee spokesmen to the effect that hundreds of Cuban workers had been shot and thousands imprisoned as a result of the General Strike. The committee was unimpressed.

Forum Did Not Raise Prices On Lecture

The Western Worker, in the issue of Thursday, April 4, printed an article by a Worker Correspondent charging the Liberal Forum Inc. on discovering a large crowd waiting to see the Julian Bryan pictures on Soviet Russia at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, raised the prices of the lower-priced seats.

The correspondent was wrong. The Liberal Forum did not raise the prices. The prices for the Bryan picture were 25, 35, 50 and 75 cents. All seats were reserved. The 25 cent seats were sold out before the performance.

Instead of raising the prices, the Liberal Forum lowered the price of 110 tickets from 75 cents to 50 cents. As pointed out in a letter from the Liberal Forum to the Western Worker, the prices for the Bryan pictures here were considerably lower than those charged at other places. Nearly two-thirds of the seats in the auditorium for the lecture were priced at 25, 35 and 50 cents.

The Western Worker printed the article in question only after several letters containing similar charges had been received. The workers were anxious to see the picture but neglected to secure their tickets in advance. Confusion resulted from the fact that a few 25 cent tickets, turned in at the time of the lecture, were sold that night.

TAKE THE WITNESS STAND

When Sam Darcy, Communist Party Organizer, District 13, took the stand in behalf of the defendants during the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism Trial, Prosecutor McAlister asked him forty questions. Every question was a booby-trap for the framewreck engineer. The answers sent him scurrying to cover and he frequently tried to cut off Darcy half way through the answers to prevent testimony favorable to the defense.

We have already printed ten of these questions. We promised to print five every week and to give a desirable item of working class literature as prize for the best set of answers to each set. Many answers to the first two sets have come in. The best will be published soon and the prizes awarded. Meanwhile here is another set to work out on. See if you can acquit yourself as well as Darcy did.

The prize for the best set of answers to this set will be MARN-ENGELS-MARXISM, a collection of articles by V. I. Lenin, Volume XX of the Marxist Library (bound volume).

1. What fundamental conditions would be necessary before a revolution would be possible?
2. What sort of a crisis is a national crisis?
3. Would a war with Japan cause a national crisis in the U. S.?
4. How would the Communist Party know when the majority of the population was supporting their program?
5. Why do you say the Communist Party program is the correct way out in this crisis?

Answers TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 2:

1. This is the Workers' State Unemployment Insurance Bill. Its provisions are the same as the House of Representatives Bill No. 2827. It calls for a minimum of \$10 per week for each unemployed and \$3 per week for each dependent, the money to be raised through taxation on the profits of wealthy employers.

It calls for a minimum of \$10 per week for each unemployed

2. Assembly Bill No. 419 calls for the repeal of the vicious anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism law.

3. Yes. There are two bills calling for the abolition of compulsory military training in the universities.

4. An Assembly resolution has been introduced calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Tom Mooney.

5. Assembly Bill No. 42 is aimed at taking the Communist Party off the ballot and making it illegal as a party. According to this bill any but the reactionary parties would be barred from elections. It states: "No political party or organization shall be entitled to participate in any primary election which shall have as a part of its program any doctrine encouraging a change in industrial ownership or control."

6. The red flag law would make it a felony for any person to display a red flag, banner or badge. Yetta Stromberg was indicted and convicted on a similar charge, but after the case was carried to the United States Supreme Court it was reversed.

7. Assembly bills No. 20 and 41 are outright fascist laws on a plane with the CS law. They would make it a felony, punishable by imprisonment from one to fourteen years for any person who advocates revolution, who publishes, issues, gives away, or sells revolutionary literature; who organizes or becomes a member of an organization advocating the overthrow of the government, who attends revolutionary workers meetings or permits his room or house to be used as a meeting place. Under this law every public library, department stores and book shops selling Strachey's book, and anyone reading the Declaration of Independence would be liable to conviction.

The C. S. trial was so timed as to work in with the vicious anti-labor legislation presented in Sacramento. The capitalists planned to use the trial as an occasion to whip up anti-red feeling, and demonstrate the necessity for more stringent laws. For this reason it is essential that the struggle against these measures be linked with the most intensive fight to free the C. S. prisoners.

9. There is a federal bill and a similar state bill which call for the setting up of a spy system in labor's ranks. This is almost identical with the steps taken before the anti-labor raids which took place in 1920 under the leadership of Mitchell Palmer.

10. These bills, for and against labor are coming before the legislature in the near future. All workers should write to their assemblymen and senators demanding the passage of pro-labor bills and the defeat of those measures directed towards the further suppression of workers' rights. Pass resolutions at all meetings. Explain these bills to your fellow workers and neighbor and enlist their support.

Pedro Strikers To Hold Big Benefit Dance Sat. Night

BULLETIN

SAN PEDRO, Calif., April 12.—The striking painters and scabbers presented their demands to the employers at a conference held here yesterday. Another conference has been set for Tuesday, April 16. No agreements yet have been reached.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., April 11.—A mass benefit dance for the striking painters and scabbers is to be held here in American Legion Hall, Saturday night.

The condition of Juan Duran, young striking painter shot by the caretaker at the Bethlehem Shipyard Monday when strikers attempted to stop twenty scabs leaving the yards, is reported as not serious. Scabs have been working at Bethlehem under police protection since the beginning of the strike more than two weeks ago.

Duran, along with other strikers forming the Bethlehem picket line, attempted to argue with the scabs. No actual violence took place until the company sent its hired men thugs into the street. It was then that Duran was shot.

The scabbers and painters, members of Local 3891, International Longshoremen, struck Monday, April 1, demanding union recognition and a six-hour day. The strike received instant support from other unions, including the Seamen.

All work has been stopped with the exception of the Bethlehem yards, where the trucks work under heavy police guard.

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ECONOMIC TRENDS IN CALIFORNIA

By George Mallet

1. Employment and Cost of Living.

"We may find we have built up a new kind of civilization, a blessing beyond anything we in our generation have ever dared to dream of" (Miss Francis Perkins at the advent of the NRA).

So this spokesman of the Capitalist Class ushered in the New Deal two years ago.

Two years later, the newly elected Governor of California, Mr. Merriam, stated in his address to the Legislature: "Let me impress upon you the fundamental fact: that unless drastic remedies are applied in this emergency, the state government will be unable to function... and a condition close to bankruptcy will develop." Shortly after this statement was made a relief crisis in California threatened to cut the relief allowances by 20% and the cut was only withheld because of the militancy of the unemployed. Today we find more than one million people in California on relief rolls.

In face of this the capitalist propaganda machine is working overtime trying to prove that everything is fine and that we are definitely on the "road to recovery."

What are the Facts?

We have on hand a little booklet published by the state called "The Economic Trends in California, 1929-1934" where some very interesting figures are brought out throwing light on the recent developments in the economy of California.

To begin with let us look at the table below:

Manufacturing, Employment and Payrolls In California (1926-1934)

March, 1933—California, Empl., 54 per cent; Payrolls, 39 per cent; San Francisco, Empl., 62 per cent; Payrolls, 44 per cent; Los Angeles, Empl., 55 per cent; Payrolls, 36 per cent.

June, 1933—Calif., Empl., 62 per cent; Payrolls, 47 per cent; San Francisco, Empl., 71 per cent; Payrolls, 54 per cent; Los Angeles, Empl., 60 per cent; Payrolls, 42 per cent.

March, 1934—Calif., Empl., 71 per cent; Payrolls, 55 per cent; San Francisco, Empl., 75 per cent; Payrolls, 57 per cent; Los Angeles, Empl., 69 per cent; Payrolls, 49 per cent.

June, 1934—Calif., Empl., 71 per cent; Payrolls, 56 per cent; San Francisco, Empl., 77 per cent; Payrolls, 57 per cent; Los Angeles, Empl., 70 per cent; Payrolls, 49 per cent.

Nov., 1934—Calif., Empl., 69 per cent; Payrolls, 54 per cent; San Francisco, Empl., 78 per cent; Payrolls, 60 per cent; Los Angeles, Empl., 71 per cent; Payrolls, 51 per cent.

Dec., 1934—Calif., Empl., 67 per cent; Payrolls, 54 per cent; San Francisco, Empl., 74 per cent; Payrolls, 58 per cent; Los Angeles, Empl., 71 per cent; Payrolls, 53 per cent.

So now we have a comprehensive picture of what is happening. Employment increased in California from March 1933 to March 1934 by 17 per cent the payroll by 16 per cent.

In San Francisco employment increased (in the same period) by 13%, payrolls increased by 13%.

Los Angeles gives us the increase of 14% in employment and 13% in payrolls.

The bourgeois economist, after looking at these figures will say: "The NRA is not in vain, employment increased, and so did the payrolls."

* Fake Rises

But let us examine these "increases."

The booklet that we are using for our factual data, "The Economic Trends in California," advises us that in the retail trade in the state there is a "decline of 20.9% in the number of employees engaged on a full time basis." Very much the same condition exists in all other industries in

Worker Convicted For Making Speech

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Peter Garrison was found guilty of "refusing to move on" in Judge Theresa Meikle's Court on April 5. The charge was filed against him after he was arrested while speaking at a street meeting at Ellis and Fillmore, July 28, 1934.

The International Labor Defense immediately appealed his case and he was released on \$500 bail.

Judge Meikle sentenced him to 30 days in the county jail or to pay a \$100 fine. In an effort to intimidate any other workers who protest against living conditions the judge threatened Garrison would be removed from the relief rolls if he paid the fine.

California. The Union Iron Works in S. F. gives but a few days a month to their employees. The longshoremen in the main are part time employees, and of course canning and agriculture employ workers but a few months a year.

So this increase in employment does not signify the increase of actual work-hours, but only a spread of the same amount of work over a larger section of workers. And that in its wake carries a decreased pay check, a lower standard of living, and a lower health standard for the workers.

After March, 1934, we see a definite decline in the number employed in the state and the specific reasons for this we will discuss later, but now let us re-examine the payroll increases.

Figures covering San Francisco:

June, 1933, Empl., 74 per cent; Payroll, 54 per cent.

June, 1934—77 per cent; Payroll, 57 per cent. Increase in cost of living from June 1933, to June, 1934, 5.8 per cent. Actual increase in empl. 3 per cent. Actual decrease in payroll, 2.8 per cent.

June, 1934—Empl., 77 per cent; Payroll, 57 per cent.

Nov., 1934—Empl., 78 per cent; Payroll, 58 per cent.

Increase in cost of living from June, 1934, to Nov., 1934, 2.9 per cent. Empl., 1 per cent. Actual decrease in payroll, 1.9 per cent.

So from this we see that in San Francisco, from June, 1933, to Nov., 1934, employment increased by 4 per cent while the payroll has been cut, as far as the real income of the workers is concerned, by 4.7 per cent.

Figures covering Los Angeles:

June, 1933, Empl., 60 per cent; Payroll, 42 per cent.

June, 1934, Empl., 70 per cent; Payroll, 49 per cent.

Increase in cost of living from June, 1933, to June, 1934, 14 per cent. Empl., 10 per cent. Actual increase in payroll, 2.6 per cent.

June, 1934—Empl., 70 per cent; Payroll, 49 per cent.

Nov., 1934—Empl., 71 per cent; Payroll, 53 per cent.

Increase in the cost of living from June, 1933, to Nov., 1934, 2.9 per cent. Empl., 1 per cent.

Actual increase in payroll 1.1 per cent.

And again in Los Angeles the same trend is seen. The increase of employment from June, 1933 to Nov., 1934 amounted to 11% while the total paycheck only increased 3.7%.

There was no improvement in the second year of the NRA, but in fact a decided slump.

We can see from the above the tremendous cut in the standard of living that the workers in the industries of California have taken, and the general trend of further cuts in the pay, and rise in prices.

In the future articles we will go into the cause, that brought about the higher prices and the cut in pay, especially in the latter part of the two years "NRA blessing" and beyond anything we in our generation dared to dream of. Now however we will pass on to the conditions of the agricultural workers in California.

* The Farm Laborer

56.4% of California's wage earners are represented by agricultural workers. That is a larger percentage of agricultural laborers than any other state in the Union.

The decisive part of this section of the California workers are homeless, migratory workers with no permanent employment, nor residence and therefore in the main have not been able, until very recently, to organize. The state keeps no statistics of employment of agricultural workers and the only figures that we can give are "the percentage by which supply exceeds demand!"

According to composite estimates by employers of farm laborers, the excess supply over demand increased from 3% in 1926 to 86% of 1933, then declined to 42% for the first seven months of 1934. This means that for every 100 jobs offered there are approximately 142 workers available. If those estimates are reliable, about 30% of agricultural workers in the state were unemployed in 1934. The average wage of the agricultural workers has always been much lower than that of workers in other industries.

And in addition they are composed of many races; Mexican, Negro, White, Filipino and other orientals. The policy of the masters was divide and rule, resulting in a "very low standard of living, long hours" and low pay. The recent increases in wages of the agricultural workers is due to the militant struggles they have fought.

The workers in California "did their part" in the NRA, losing their health, homes—their right to live—for the capitalists of California whose profits have mounted at a tremendous rate since the advent of the New Deal.

In this article we have discussed how the workers have paid "their part" to the New Deal. The next article will show how much Big Business, manufacture, and agriculture were paid by the New Deal.

Literature and ... Book Reviews

For the mass distribution of the Communist classics and of important revolutionary fiction and non-fiction, the BOOK UNION, 1000 Broadway, New York City, is the best place to go.

The Book Union will compile the work of the organization which will be formed at the forthcoming "Workers' Congress." This is an effective attack can now be made on the problems of mass unemployment, revolutionary literature, and at providing a real basis for the books of the contemporary revolutionary writers.

Although designed on the traditional book club pattern, the Book Union will be operated on a non-profit basis. Its work will be carried on by volunteer, but experienced professional workers from publishing houses, newspapers and various cultural organizations. Its national board will consist of H. P. Block, Malcolm Cowley, Robert W. Dunn, Henry Hart, Granville Hicks, Corliss Lamont, L. J. Schneider, Bernard Smith, Alexander Trachtenberg and Mary von Kleeck. Its Advisory Council will be composed of writers, critics, editors and others, well-known in the revolutionary movement.

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must obligate himself to buy at least two books a year of the club's "selection," which will be chosen each month by the Editorial Board. These books will be sold to members only, at a price well below the publisher's retail price.

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The Book Union can be successfully organized only on the basis of the active, devoted and co-operative support of all class-conscious workers. Full information and literature is now available and can be obtained from Marian Klopfer, executive secretary, Book Union, 381 Fourth Ave., New York City.

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"HANGED BY ACCIDENT"

SAN QUENTIN HANGS MAN BY ACCIDENT. This headline, flung in the face of all California, caused thousands to stop in their tracks and read it twice. BY ACCIDENT!

The burning of the Morro Castle was another "ACCIDENT."
The burning alive of 250 inmates of the Ohio State Penitentiary a few years ago was another "ACCIDENT."

The burning alive of 100 relief workers in the Griffith Park canyon fire in Los Angeles during 1933 was another "ACCIDENT."

The devastation of farming areas by AAA policies is another "ACCIDENT."

Ten of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism defendants were dismissed or acquitted after spending SEVEN MONTHS IN PRISON awaiting trial. This was another "ACCIDENT."

Eight of these C. S. defendants have been convicted to long prison terms without any evidence of any crime being cited against them. Is this another "ACCIDENT?"

Tom Mooney has been imprisoned for 18 years in San Quentin while the whole world knows that he is the innocent victim of a frame-up. This, too, is a capitalist "ACCIDENT."

Sacco and Vanzetti were burned in the electric chair for crimes they had not committed.

Two workers were shot IN THE BACK during the 1934 Longshoremen strike.

THE WORLD WAR and the DEPRESSION are probably capitalism's supreme "ACCIDENTS."

ACCIDENTS, if we are to propound our definition from an examination of what capitalism lists under that heading, are a combination of CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE, CRIMINAL VICIOUSNESS, AND CLASS GREED.

County Clerk L. E. Lampton formulated an alibi applicable to the thousands of ACCIDENTS which comprise the history of capitalism. He said the tragedy was due to "a combination of small errors for which no one person, apparently, was entirely responsible."

In back of every ACCIDENT is a story of corruption, greed, and brutality which gains momentary publicity until the inevitable "investigation" weaves a cocoon of fake reform around it. No correction has ever resulted from any of these "investigations" nor will any result from the cross-fire of buck passing which has followed the hanging of Rush Griffin.

No possible re-arrangement of administrators can cure the ills of an incompetent, unjust and unworkable social system. The ACCIDENTS of capitalism become more disastrous and hysterical each year. The history of America has been a history of lip-service crusades against corruption, against crime, against graft, against poverty, against war. The achievement of this virtuous bombast is that today America is the foulest sink of corruption in all its history, it is facing the most serious crime-wave of all time, it is so ridden with graft that thousands of men and women have adopted the conclusion that graft is "human nature" and one must accept it and make the best of it. Mass poverty in America has reached a scale never before equalled. That this poverty exists in the wealthiest land on earth and is attributed to "over-production" testifies sufficiently to the insanity of its government. Finally, the Nation stands on the verge of the worst war in history.

American capitalism has approached the problem of crime with gun and club. As a result, crime has grown to almost uncontrollable proportions. The prisons are packed so far beyond their capacities as to constitute torture houses in which the minds and spirits of the inmates are broken. The hundreds of attempted prison breaks recorded in the past few years are the result of men tortured to such desperation they are willing to risk their lives on slim and almost hopeless bids for freedom.

In a nation ruled by insane private greed, with a penal system as brutal and barbaric as the Spanish inquisition, it is not surprising that we are greeted by headlines: SAN QUENTIN HANGS MAN BY ACCIDENT.

The most important clue to the ACCIDENT is the fact that Rush Griffin was a Negro. The brutal chauvinism exercised against the Negro people in every day American life, gives some indication of the extremes of persecution they face in prisons. Since Rush Griffin was a Negro, the San Quentin authorities did not see fit to make anything but a cursory check on the details of his conviction. Since Rush Griffin was a Negro, the apparatus of the courts did not regard care as necessary in the handling of his case.

There is only one cure for all the ACCIDENTS of capitalism. That is a Workers' and Farmers' Government. The workers of Soviet Russia have achieved this, and their prison system is the most advanced in the world. They have not only liquidated the greatest amount of crime but are constantly decreasing what criminality still remains from the old order. And in Soviet Russia, Negroes and all other racial minorities enjoy full and equal rights.

S. F. Workers' Picnic Planned For April 21

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9. — The Annual Worker's Picnic, under the auspices of District 13, Communist Party of the U. S. A., will be held April at New Portola Park, about six miles west of Menlo Park.
Games, sports, a workers' play, choruses, mass singing, speeches and dancing all are on the day's agenda. The Committee on arrangements for the picnic has announced that the park can accommodate approximately ten thousand persons.
A barbecue, including the world-

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JAMES O'NEAL EXPOSES S. P. HISTORY

This is the second installment of the secret circulated Oneal pamphlet in which the "old Guard" editor of the New Leader attempts to justify his own opportunism by exposing that of Norman Thomas and the so-called "militant" group fighting for leadership within the Socialist Party.

In the previous installment Oneal told how at least one member of the National Executive Committee came out in support of Upton Sinclair when the latter announced his candidacy for governor of California and deserted the Socialist Party for the Democratic Party.

In this installment Oneal describes the "American Guardian," organ of the "left wing" owned and published by Oscar Ameringer, Oklahoma Democrat and sometime "patriot." Due to lack of space the Western Worker is unable to print the entire pamphlet, which, as is openly stated, was written for the purpose of fighting the united front. The whole of the pamphlet was printed in the Daily Worker in the issues between March 12 and March 19 inclusively.

The emphases are Oneal's throughout.

* The "Left Wing Organ"

A pamphlet should be devoted to the "American Guardian," owned and operated by Oscar Ameringer, the organ of quackeries, within and without the party. He has twice denounced the Austrian movement whose men, women and children died in the February battle with Fascism.

This same Ameringer during the World War registered himself and employees of his printing establishment with a local "patriotic" defense council in Oklahoma City! He collected \$200,000 from Socialists and sympathizers for his paper and then used the paper to support Jack Walton, Democratic Candidate for Governor, later impeached and removed from office as a traitor and proven a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He ran an advertisement of a real estate scheme in which he is interested, articles in support of a populist money scheme, reprinted an article from the "liberal" Nation lying

about Pennsylvania Socialists, twice informed his readers that the Guardian is not a Socialist paper, recommended various papers from LaFollette's "Progressive" to the Communist Daily Worker, and rejoiced over the election of various candidates on capitalist tickets, including Governor Schmedeman of Wisconsin, who later sent his troops against the striking farmers of that state.

The "Guardian" editorial approving the election of capitalist candidates became the subject of dispute between the writer and the "militant" Village Branch in New York City. Helen Pickens, branch secretary, wrote me a letter expressing the branch executive's approval of the "Guardian" editorial that approved the capitalist candidates! We refer this to the Marxists of the "new orientation."

Notwithstanding the offenses of the "Guardian" against Socialist principles, the national office of the party has turned the list of subscribers for "America for All" over to Ameringer. This was a violation of a resolution adopted by the national convention of 1928 by a unanimous vote which condemned support by party members of privately owned papers. The list belonged to party papers alone but the one paper not entitled to it received it.

A few more items from the "Guardian."

* Ameringer, Patriot

Dec. 8, 1933. An editorial declaring that the choice is between Lenin and Hitler, that is, between Communism and Fascism.

June 15, 1934. A long editorial by Ameringer ending with the statement that he had "supported the St. Louis platform before, during, and after the World War." He really signed up with the patriotic crowd that sent Eugene V. Debs to prison.

July 20, 1934. A demagogic editorial appealing to farmer prejudice, its basic thought being that the real division of society is between the "American Hinterland" and the North Atlantic states.

August 3, 1934. An outrageous editorial referring to our Austrian comrades in terms of contempt,

stating that "During the sixteen years the Socialists held control of Vienna, not a single plot against the Government was hatched, thus implicating murder as a weapon of the Socialist movement." He added that "So solicitous were the Vienna Socialists for the preservation of private property... some of their starving phalanxes rather surrendered or retreated than to rob the food stores."

This infamous editorial could not be written by a Socialist.

Sept. 7, 1934. A long editorial approving Upton Sinclair's desertion to the Democrats, an overt violation of everything the Socialist Party stands for and which can only serve the enemies of our Party, especially in California.

A sub-committee of the N. E. C. wrote the "Guardian" objecting to certain articles in favor of inflation. A letter was received by the N. E. C. from Ameringer's son, Siegfried, at its New York session which said that the articles might not agree with the party policies but they had helped to increase circulation among the farmers. The N. E. C. decided that if the "Guardian" again offended it would take action, but again and again the "Guardian" has run anti-Socialist material without disturbing the composure of the majority of the N. E. C. The author of this pamphlet is bringing charges against this publication.

This does not exhaust the record of Ameringer. There is reason for believing that he remained in a faction of the Democratic Party while publishing the "Guardian" into the year 1932. His father-in-law, Dan Hogan, former Socialist helped elect "Alfalfa Bill" Murray Governor and Hogan received an appointment from the Governor. Hogan is linked with Ameringer in the publishing business. At the Milwaukee convention of the party, 1932, Ameringer seriously asked Samuel Pearl's advice as to whether he (Ameringer) should accept the Democratic nomination for Governor of Oklahoma! This would indicate that Ameringer was still a Democrat in good standing while serving as a delegate to the Socialist convention.

* Aided Capitalist Governor

Early in 1932 Ameringer made

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

San Francisco, March 28, 35.
Editor Western Worker:

Allow me to get this letter published in the Western Worker, which was refused by the capitalist paper the San Francisco News.

A letter published in the "Pulse of the Public" (the News) March 15th claims that 87 per cent of the nation's entire income goes to labor, and as a free people we can still exercise intelligence, courage and foresight to a brighter future. My answer, which was refused by the "News", is as follows:

Editor of the Pulse of the Public:

Mr. E. A. Lindahl tries to prove that 87% of the nation's entire income resolves itself into human labor wages, based on the report by the National Bureau of Economic research, document No. 123.

According to the Government's own statistics, of about \$18 billion worth of wealth produced in the last year, around 47% of it went into wages for human

labor; the rest into profits, some also derived from machine labor. In the year 1916 a committee provided for by the Congress of the U.S.A. reported that 2% of the people owned 60% of the wealth of this country.

In 1930 the Federal Trade Commission made a study. They found it worse, only one per cent of the people owned 59% of the wealth.

As a result of foreclosures of mortgages and bankruptcies since 1910 it is the estimate of conservative statisticians that 75% of the people of the U.S.A. don't own anything, and less than 1% own from 85% to 95% of all the wealth in the country.

In regard to a free people, the Dreamland mass meeting proves that we are not free and almost all intelligent people know that William Randolph Hearst, etc., etc., aim with their "Americanism" and red baiting as a disguise to abolish the little freedom we still have.

A. D.

TACOMA, Wash., April 9.
Workers' Open Forum:

At a meeting conducted here last week by the American League Against War and Fascism, a speaker read the Western Worker account of the police brutality against Mrs. Della Dale.

It was the highest point of the evening; the whole audience seemed to go "red" in a real united front against the fascism of which such terror is a part. So a thousand miles away, the fiendish tactics of the boss class defeated their own purpose, and advanced the workers' cause.

And so, in the end, all the scattered blood of the working class martyrs spilled in these struggles will come together in a mighty flood, and turn this whole world red and working class.

R. J. P.

Voice of South Opens Drive For Guarantee Fund

By DAVE LYON
Editor, Voice of Youth, Western Organ, Young Communist League

Are we going to turn our youth over to the Fascists?

We know that the 100 per centers and the patriots are making every effort to win over the sons and daughters of the working class for their Fascist program.

We know, too, that they are to turn the schools and colleges into breeding grounds of labor-hating, red-baiting vigilantes.

We know, too, that the labor "leaders" of the type of Vandeleur, with his "junior union", are trying to win the sons and daughters of the working class away from the policy of militant unionism that their fathers are beginning to adopt.

In Germany, Fascism rode into power on the backs of misled young workers and students.

Are we going to let the same thing happen here?

The Young Communist League is determined that we will NOT let this happen—that the young workers shall fight side by side with their parents, for better conditions, that students and unemployed youth shall resist the attempt to turn them into cannon-fodder and scab reserves.

The Young Communist League needs YOUR help.

Seven months ago, the YCL of California established its own district newspaper—now named the Voice of Youth, appearing semi-monthly, and addressing itself to young workers, to students, to unemployed youth—telling the stories of the lives of youth, of their struggles, bringing the program and platform of the YCL to them in terms they can understand.

Now this paper needs YOUR help—your financial assistance, so that we can build up a reserve fund to guarantee the continued existence of the paper in the face of possible attacks on our apparatus—to make possible the improvements and explanations to make it a paper of real mass circulation and influence.

We are working for a sustaining fund of \$250 by May 30.

How much will YOU give? How much will your organization give?

Send in your donations, at once, to the Voice of Youth, care of the Western Worker, 37 Grove St., San Francisco.

at 8 p. m. the evening of the 14th.

Negro organizations are to send delegates to a conference at the Tabernacle Hall at 2:00 o'clock the afternoon of the 14th at the call of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

The Latest Lies from the Capitalist Press

By COOLEY

It's about as hard to find a lie in a capitalist newspaper as it is to find a bald spot on a fish. A rainbow trout with a full head of hair would be no more of a curiosity than a capitalist news paper with an eight column headline over a truthful story. Today's lie was picked from the San Francisco Examiner of April 6, and it was done in this fashion. I had the paper down, closed my eyes and said, "Feny, meeny, miny, moo, this little lie will surely do." And when I opened my eyes my finger was on this headline: "3000 KILLED IN CHINESE BATTLE."

It was a Hongkong dispatch, dated April 5, and stated that, "Spreading wholesale death and destruction behind them, Communist army hordes swarmed eastward in Kweichow Province today..." etc. etc. The story wound up with the remark that "China Kai Shieh's white army had retreated at least thirty miles trying to get away from the battle with the awful reds who slew at least 3,000 of them—and Americans and other foreigners were sojournly in grave danger."

Now after all I am a Communist, and why should I try to prove the Examiner was lying when it said our Chinese comrades had kicked the stuffing out of their enemy and chased them thirty miles? Just chasing an army thirty miles is a good day's work, let alone whipping it in a hard fought battle. Of course endangering the Americans in China isn't much, they're practically always endangered. But how would it look for me to call the Examiner another liar, and maybe have to prove the Chinese Red Army hadn't even been in Kweichow Province. I felt embarrassed.

So I dropped the matter and turned to the San Francisco Chronicle of April 6—and there was a Hongkong dispatch dated April 5 under this headline: "CHINESE RED ARMY SUFFERS LOSSES." It stated that the Chinese Red Army had made an attempt to capture a city in Kweichow Province, that the white army had just about crushed them in a counter-offensive and practically chased the Red Army out of China. And it was reported that at least a hundred bodies were strewn about the battlefield. It didn't say anything about Americans and other foreigners, so presumably they were now out of danger.

Now of course, anything can be explained. So let's pretend that neither of the two papers were lying when they said there was a battle in Kweichow Province and "explain" things for them.

We have to assume that the battle started early in the morning and that the Red Army busted the White Army wide open. Having done that they chased it thirty miles, making it very dangerous for the Americans in China. Then the dispatch (dated April 5) was sent to the Examiner. When that was done the White Army opened up on the Red Army and busted it wide open and chased it clear out of sight. Then the dispatch (dated April 5) was sent to the Chronicle.

And in the midst of all this excitement the Red Army either buried 2900 or 3000 dead. Because the Examiner found 3,000 dead on the field, whereas the Chronicle could find only 100. If the Chronicle's 100 were left over from the Examiner's 3000 then the Red Army must have retreated without anybody being hurt after it buried 2,900 of those killed in the morning. But the Red Army would hardly retreat so easily after such a signal victory earlier in the day. Therefore it must have buried all the Examiner's 3000. And the Chronicle's 100 must have been killed in the White Army's counter-offensive.

And class-conscious workers ought to be proud of a Red Army that could do all that fighting and running and digging and more fighting and running in time for both of those dispatches to get out on the same day. Not to mention the time out to endanger the Americans in China.

Does that explain it to your satisfaction?

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Health and The Class Struggle

By the Western Worker Medical Bureau.

This column will not deal with such subjects as beautification, avoidance of overweight, control of epidemics that can not be isolated in the poorer neighborhoods, etc.

We will deal with the problems which affect workers; such as questions of health insurance; methods of gaining better health conditions for the workers; exposure of quackery of all kinds, both medical and non-medical, etc.

Medical advice will also be given in answer to letters, and clippings which you send in will be discussed. Address communications to this column, care of Western Worker, 37 Grove Street.

Every worker knows from experience that much of the illness that he is subject to is due to bad conditions in his home and place of work. However, any indication of this class basis of disease is carefully kept out of bourgeois statistics. We searched hundreds of statistical summaries and finally ferreted out some figures about Boston, Mass., which, combined with other figures, did show us the number of days lost through different illnesses.

The following are the ailments which account for more than one per cent of the total number of days of illness: out of each 100 days of illness there are 16 days of rheumatism; 11½ days of brain hemorrhage, apoplexy, and paralysis; 7½ days of organic heart disease; 7 days of tuberculosis; 6 days of insanity; 5½ days of "run down" condition; 4 days caused by "external forces" (accidents); and three days of kidney

trouble. What do we know about these afflictions which cause two-thirds of all sickness? With the exception of kidney trouble, they are all diseases which are much more widespread among workers than among other classes.

In spite of intensive search, we could find no statistics in America to show this, but the English government at one time made a slip and published figures of the number of deaths among the different economic classes.

* High Death Rate
American "civilization" is near enough like the British to show similar statistics. Thus we see that among 100,000 unskilled workers, there are 36% more deaths from brain hemorrhage than among 100,000 of the "salaried and professional classes" (bourgeoisie); 67% more deaths from organic heart disease; 68% more from lung-tuberculosis; 52% more

from insanity; 38% more from non-pulmonary tuberculosis; and three and one-quarter as many deaths from accidents. In the U. S. there are twice as many infant deaths, relative to the size of the class, among workers than among the bourgeoisie.

The reason for the above facts are clear if we recall the causes of these ailments. The causes of rheumatism and heart-disease are damp homes and damp surroundings, together with focal infections which cost much money to remove from the body.

The main external causes of insanity are the inhuman speed-up which the capitalist class inflict on us, plus the conflicts which arise within us as a reflection of the conflicts of the capitalist system.

Serious accidents are over three times as widespread among workers because the bourgeois surrounds himself with all kinds of safety devices and laws, but refuses them to his slaves in the factory. The large number of infant deaths among proletarians result from undernourishment, the wrong kind of foods, and diseases caused by vile home conditions. Tuberculosis is the classical proletarian disease, as it is created by conditions found only among the workers. It is brought on by fatigue, due to overwork, bald air, damp, dark dwellings and undernourishment.

L. A. CONFERENCE PLANS BIG MAY DAY CELEBRATION

LOS ANGELES, April 11. — Aroused by class oppression, vigilante terrorism and the state of fascism threatened by the pending anti-labor legislation pending in Sacramento, thousands of workers are preparing here to make May Day of 1935 a day to be remembered by the Capitalist oppressors.

Thousands of Utopians, Epics and trade union workers are ready to join in a united front celebration of the worker's international day of mobilization.

An appeal for participation of all union labor in the day of protest has been sent out by the Painters, Local 1348, which has scheduled a conference of trade union delegates on April 14.

Class-conscious Utopian and Epic workers are to meet in a general conference with other delegates from the Communist and Socialist Parties and other organizations at 1116 North Lillian Way in Hollywood the same evening.

Calling the jobless to participate under a slogan of "Unity of Employed and Unemployed," the Public Works and Unemployed League has asked all unemployed groups to attend a similar conference at 703½ West Third St.